The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 24, 26, 27, 29, 57, and 59 as follows:

24. (Amended) An image processing device comprising:

a scanner for inputting an image signal;

[an image processing] a control unit including a control circuit adapted for controlling said device and performing image processing necessary for copying on the image signal input from said scanner to provide a first processed image signal;

a bidirectional interface for transmitting the image signal input by [the] said scanner under control of said control unit to an external computer, [the external computer performing] which performs image processing necessary for copying on the transmitted image signal to provide a second processed image signal, [said bidirectional interface] and receiving the second processed image signal from the external computer; and

an output [means] circuit adapted for outputting the

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first processed image signal [or] and the second processed image

signal to a printer, wherein

said device has a plurality of modes including first

and second copying modes, [said device interlockingly using said

scanner, said bidirectional interface and said output means] the

image signal from said scanner being transmitted in order of said

control unit, said bidirectional interface, the external

computer, said bidirectional interface, said control unit, and

said output circuit in the first copying mode so as to perform

copying based on the second processed image signal, and

[interlockingly using said scanner, said image processing circuit

and said output means]

the image signal from said scanner being transmitted

in order of said control unit and said output circuit in the

second mode so as to perform copying based on the first processed

image signal.

26. (Amended) The device according to claim 24,

wherein the external computer [has] includes a modem capable of

processing the image signal received through said bidirectional

interface and transmitting the image signal to a public telephone

line.

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27. (Amended)   An image processing method for an image processing device, said method comprising the steps of:

inputting an image signal by a scanner;

performing image processing necessary for copying[,] on the input image signal by using [an image processing circuit] a control unit for controlling the image processing device to provide a first processed image signal;

transmitting the image signal input by the scanner under control of the control unit to an external computer via a bidirectional interface to be processed, by image processing necessary for copying, into a second processed image signal;

receiving the second processed image signal from the external computer via the bidirectional interface;

outputting the first or the second processed image signal to a printer via an output circuit;

performing copying based on the second processed image signal in a first copying mode by [interlockingly using the scanner, the bidirectional interface and an output unit] transmitting the image signal from the scanner in order of the control unit, the bidirectional interface, the external computer, the bidirectional interface, the control unit, and the output circuit; and

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performing copying based on the first processed image

signal in a second copying mode by [interlockingly using the

scanner, the image processing circuit and the output unit]

transmitting the image signal from the scanner in order of the

control unit and the output circuit.

29. (Amended) The method according to claim 27,

wherein the [transferred] transmitted image signal is processed

by the external computer and transmitted to a public telephone

line.

57. (Amended) The image processing device according

to claim 24, wherein said output [means] circuit includes a

bidirectional interface.

59. (Amended) The image processing device according

to claim 24, wherein said [image processing circuit] control unit

has a density adjusting function.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light

of the Office Action dated September 16, 1999. Claims 24, 26,